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E.O. 11652 GDS TAGS: PFOR, ES, HO

SUBJ: HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR DISPUTE REF: STATE 137972; B. STATE 137313

1. DCM AND I CALLED ON FONMIN BORGONOV LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 2- TO GIVE HIM INFORMATION ON INTERAMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT (IACPS). HE INFORMED US THAT FONOFF STAFF STUDY PRELIMINARY CONCLUDES UNLIKELIHOOD IACPS STATUTES WOULD PERMIT IT TO ACCEPT DISPUTE UNDER CONDITIONS LIMITING THE SCOPE OF ITS RECOMMENDATION. GOES COULD NOT CONSIDER ITS SERVICES IF RISK EXISTS THAT IT MIGHT ULTIMATELY RECOMMEND ARBITRATION OR EVEN MEDIATION BY UNACCEPTABLE THIRD PARTY. HOWEVER, HE IS STILL KEEPING OPEN MIND ON IACPS SINCE IT IS UNTESTED AND THERE ARE NO PRECEDENTS FOR ITS OPERATIONS. HE SEEMS WILLING TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF RECOURJE TO IT IF MORE PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR SETTLEMENT IS NOT FOUND.

2. HE IS EXPECTING TO RECEIVE SHORTLY WRITTEN REPORT FROM HIS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON REGARDING FONMIN BATRES APPEARANCE BEFORE OAS COMMITTEE OF SEVEN, INCLUDING TEXT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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BATRES PRESENTATION. HE HAS REACTED FAVORABLY TO TELEPHONIC

REPORT OF WHAT BATRES REPORTEDLY SAID AND LOOKS FORWARD TO TALKING TO HIM IN GUATEMALA THIS WEEKEND, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NOT COMPLETED HIS BOUNDARY RESEARCH STUDY NOR REACHED ANY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT A FRESH APPROACH ON NEGOTIATIONS. HE PLANS TO RETURN TO SAN EALVADOR AFTER THE GUATEMALAN INAUGURATION TO REPORT ON HIS MEETING WITH BATRES AND TO COMPLETE HIS STUDY. HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO TO WASHINGTON LATER NEXT MONTH TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN. (HE GAVE US THE IMPRESSION THE LATER THE BETTER.)

3. HE REITERATED POLITICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF GOES ACCEPTING COMPROMISE WHICH RISKS OR PROVIDES FOR IDENTIFYABLE LOSS OF TERRITORY EWFKSAT IS WHY IT INSISTED IN MEXICO NEGOTIATIONS THAT AGREEMENT PROVIDE FOR BOUNDARY DELINEATION ON THE GROUND BY BIPARTISAN COMMISSION BASED ON REALITIES THEY FIND RATHER THAN PRIOR DELINEATION ON MAPS BASED ON DOCUMENTARY CONSIDERATIONS AS DESIRED BY GOH. HE ALSO ARGUED THAT GOES HAS BEEN FAR MORE OBEDIENT TO COMMITTEE OF SEVEN RESOLUTIONS THAN HAS GOH SINCE IT IS WILLING AND HAS MOVED TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS IN ADVANCE OF AN ACCORD WHEREAS THE LATTER INSISTS THAT NOTHING MOVES UNTIL THE BOUNDARY QUESTION IS SETTLED. HE NOTED WITH PLEASURE RECENT DECISION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ADVERTISING MEDIA TO WORK TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE FAVORABLE TO SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE AND HOPED THE TWO GOVTS COULD NOT SOMEHOW GET THE NEWS MEDIA TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT. WHILE HE SEES NO IMMEDIATE SOLUTION TO THE BILATERAL IMPASSE WITH HONDURAS, HE REMAINS OPTIMISTIC AND SEEING MY LONG FACE ON DEPARTURE, URGED ME NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED.

4. THANK YOU FOR LETTER FROM PRESIDENT. HOPE TO PRESENT IT SOON AFTER JULY 1. CAMPBELL

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